

3.E Poverty

Table 3.E6.—Aged families receiving Social Security benefits, by share of income from benefits and race, 1997

[Civilian noninstitutionalized population]

| Social Security share of money income for year ¹ | Individuals aged 65 or older living alone or with nonrelatives only | | | | Multiperson families with householder aged 65 or older | | | |
|--|--|---------|-------|-----------------|---|---------|------|-----------------|
| | Total | Nonpoor | Poor | Percent poor | Total | Nonpoor | Poor | Percent poor |
| All races ² | | | | | | | | |
| Total number (in thousands) | 10,624 | 8,396 | 2,227 | ... | 11,416 | 10,682 | 734 | ... |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 21 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 6 |
| No Social Security benefits | 8 | 6 | 18 | 45 | 8 | 6 | 30 | 24 |
| Some Social Security benefits | 92 | 94 | 82 | 19 | 92 | 94 | 70 | 5 |
| Less than one-fourth of income | 8 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 22 | 23 | 1 | ... |
| One-fourth up to one-half of income | 18 | 22 | 3 | 3 | 26 | 27 | 8 | 2 |
| One-half up to three-fourths | 21 | 24 | 11 | 11 | 19 | 20 | 10 | 3 |
| Three-fourths or more of income | 44 | 38 | 67 | 32 | 25 | 23 | 51 | 13 |
| White | | | | | | | | |
| Total number (in thousands) | 9,433 | 7,680 | 1,753 | ... | 10,072 | 9,615 | 457 | ... |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 19 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 5 |
| No Social Security benefits | 8 | 6 | 17 | 41 | 7 | 6 | 32 | 21 |
| Some Social Security benefits | 92 | 94 | 83 | 17 | 93 | 94 | 68 | 3 |
| Less than one-fourth of income | 9 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 22 | 23 | ... | ... |
| One-fourth up to one-half of income | 19 | 22 | 3 | 3 | 27 | 28 | 6 | 1 |
| One-half up to three-fourths | 21 | 24 | 10 | 9 | 20 | 20 | 11 | 3 |
| Three-fourths or more of income | 44 | 38 | 70 | 30 | 24 | 23 | 50 | 9 |
| Black | | | | | | | | |
| Total number (in thousands) | 1,045 | 627 | 418 | ... | 916 | 722 | 193 | ... |
| Total percent | 100 | 100 | 100 | 40 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 21 |
| No Social Security benefits | 13 | 8 | 19 | 61 | 9 | 8 | 14 | 33 |
| Some Social Security benefits | 87 | 92 | 81 | 37 | 91 | 92 | 86 | 20 |
| Less than one-fourth of income | 5 | 9 | ... | 2 | 24 | 30 | 4 | 3 |
| One-fourth up to one-half of income | 15 | 22 | 4 | 10 | 22 | 24 | 15 | 14 |
| One-half up to three-fourths | 18 | 20 | 15 | 33 | 13 | 15 | 8 | 12 |
| Three-fourths or more of income | 49 | 41 | 62 | 50 | 31 | 24 | 60 | 41 |

¹ Payments under Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance program any time in 1997 to any family member as reported in the March 1998 Current Population Survey. For 1987, according to program records, receipt of Social Security benefits reported by survey respondents represented 92 percent of aggregate Social Security payments.

² Includes other races.

³ Less than 0.05 percent.

Source: Public use file of the March 1998 Income Supplement, Current Population Survey, U.S. Census. For a discussion of standard errors of estimated numbers and percentages, see Bureau of the Census, *Current Population Reports*, P-60 series.